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- Noon-day meetings during Pas. 6. sion Week and Holy Week, to give inspiration to the final efforts in this campaign of evangelism. All the organized activities of the church to be utilized in creating and maintaining interest in these meetings.
- 7. Men's and Boys' Banquets and Women's and Girls' Banquets to be held in every church in January, when all the boys of the church and Bible School will be guests of the men of the congregation, and all the girls of the church and Bible school will be guests of the women of the congregation, program to include personal inter. views with a view to securing definite commitments for Christ and to offering counsel along lines of educational guidance. An effort will be made to secure volunteers to assist in this personal work. The general addresses of the evening should be on these two themes.
- 8. To extend to the student bodies, including Western Reserve University, Case School of Applied Science and business colleges, a cordial invitation to identify themselves with some church of their choice, and to arrange for special meetings of students when

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9. A program of publicity that will insure the success of the various provisions of this campaign of evangelism, and that will assist the churches, both individually and collectively, in reaching the goal of 11,000 new members by April 30, 1917.

10. To hold a retreat for ministers on Monday, September 25th, for prayer and conference together, with a view to setting forth the general scope and requirement of this program of intensive personal evangelism. The pastors will be asked to pledge themselves to the spirit and purpose of this entire program.

#### Requests of Committee on Evangelism.

- 1. Please select early and carefully General Committee on Evangelism composed of five members, each one of whom should represent one of the following organizations of the church.
- a. The Church Proper.
- b. The Bible School.
- c. The Men's Organization.
- d. The Women's Organization.
- e. The Young People's Organiza-
- tion.
- 3. Please secure and forward the addresses and telephone numbers of the members of this committee to the office of the Federated Churches, 1223 Schofield Building.
- 3. Pleass secure the appointment of a special Committee on Evangelism in each of the five organizations mentioned, and wherever practical let the rep. resentative on the general committee from that organization be the chairman.
- 4. Please announce the names of these committees on the appropriate Sunday in October, and consecrate them to their task.
- 5. Please attend the Day of Prayer for ministers of the city to be held under the auspices of the Committee on Evangelism, Monday, September 25th, at the Euclid Avenue Baptist church. Such a year's program as is proposed will drive us all to our knees for strength.
- 6. Please do not forget the conference on Wednesday evening, October 25th, for leaders and officers of the several organizations of the church.

#### THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MEXICO.

The grievances of the Roman Catholic Church against the de facto government of Mexico was one of the questions considered at the conference between the representatives of the United States and the Mexican govern ment. That the Mexican delegates will strenuously oppose any effort to change the policy toward the Catholic Church is a foregone conclusion, in the opinion of persons familiar with the present Mexican situation.

In substantiation of this belief they point to the fact that Luis Cabrera, minister of finance in the Carranza cabinet, is the head of the Mexican commission. There is no man in Mexico more opposed to any change in the present laws defending the rights of the Church in Mexico than

The Church question in Mexico was one of the most important brought before the recent Catholic Convention in this city.

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using every means in its power to recover what he terms "its temporal power in Mexico," and in this con-nection he has stated that the Carranza government will enforce every law which tends to make this impossible, and, furthermore, that the de facto government intends to make effective the abolishment of monastic orders now existing in or contemplated in Mexico.

Cabrera's views on this question are set forth in a paper prepared by him and captioned "The Religious Question in Mexico."

"The question of the Church in Mexico," says Mr. Cabrera in his article, "has not been well understood in the United States, because the conditions of the Mexican Catholic Church differ vastly from those of the Catho lic Church in the United States. In Mexico 90 per cent. of the population profess the Roman Catholic faith, and, therefore, the influence of the Catholic clergy in religious matters has no counterbalance of any sort.

"In the United States there are other churches which counterbalance the influence of the Catholic Church. On the other hand, the Catholic Church in the United States does not hold unlimited sway over society, nor can it attain uncontrollable politica! power; the very education of the American people has prevented Rome from exercising so far the influence which it exercises in other countries."

Mr. Cabrera then briefly refers to the laws known as the laws of reform, which he terms "a collection of rules passed previous to 1860, with the aim of depriving the Catholic Church of its temporal power." and he adds that these rules have remained effective because the conditions which then demanded their enactment still prevail and still make it necessary that the laws should remain in force."

The laws of the reform, which were enacted more than fifty-six years ago, separate completely Church and State, make it unlawful for the Church to own landed property, and finally abolished convents in Mexico."

#### SEPTEMBER AT THE THORNWELL ORPHANAGE.

On the very first day of this month, being on Friday, the Thornwell Or-phanage Schools were opened. A

family of over three hundred being present. The children came to us from ten different States. They have take hold of their studies with vigor an are deeply interested. There is growth too in the spiritual life of the Home. The Sabbath school, under th superintendency of Rev. J. B. Branch is starting out on a race to be a mode The church is steadily growing from month to month by additions from the children. There seems to be also good spirit of hearty interest in on matrons, all of whom are vieing with each other to have the best Home an the best children. One young invalid girl and two cripple children are th tenants of our infirmary. We have been doing what we can to get ther back to health.

All report a good summer, and a of them had a vacation either wit relatives or at Riverside Cottage. Ou only lack is that which seems to b the trouble in all our institutions, no enough money, but our friends ca very easily remedy that difficulty Contributions are to be sent to Rev W. P. Jacobs, Clinton, S. C.

The thirtieth day of September Orphan Work Day, the object of which is to encourage everybody to give th money they make on that day to th orphans. We hope it won't be pass by but that the results may put u on a firm financial basis and be a bless ing to the children, not only of th Thornwell Orphanage, but to all th orphanages in our Southern Church.

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